GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2002
NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN W. B.
BIKASH CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request from the Government of West Bengal for enlisting certain Highways as National Highways has been pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and (

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C KHANDURI)

(a) to (c) 13 proposals for declaration of state roads as National Highways in West Bengal had been received andhave now been returned to the State Governmentin June, 2002 for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. There is no proposal to declare any new National Highway in the country at present due to fund constraints.The Government may however, consider declaration of a few State Highways as NationalHighways during the course of the 10th-Five Year Plan from amongst the modified proposals to be received from various States keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds.